



AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

Housing: Question on Condominiums (H-16)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL USES OF DATA ABOUT CONDOMINIUMS

- The Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Administration for Children and Families uses these data to assess the need for housing assistance for low-income, including elderly low-income, households.
- HHS also uses these data for distributing funds for home energy assistance to low-income individuals and families.
- The Department of Housing and Urban Development requires state and local governments to provide an inventory of housing units compared with an assessment of the needs of families residing in the jurisdiction.
- Building contractors, materials suppliers and household goods manufacturers use these data to develop marketing strategies.
- State and local governments, faith-based and other non-profit organizations, and businesses use these data to plan, budget, and pay benefits.

QUESTION AS IT APPEARS IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE

16 Is this house, apartment, or mobile home part of a condominium?

☐ Yes → What is the monthly condominium fee? For renters, answer only if you pay the condominium fee in addition to your rent; otherwise, mark the "None" box.

Monthly amount – Dollars

\$

OR

☐ None

☐ No

EXAMPLES OF LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CONDOMINIUM DATA

- Statistical Information for the Transaction of Public Business
- Community Services Block Grant Act
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- Low Income Housing, Title 42, Chapter 8
- National Affordable Housing, Subchapter I—State and Local Housing Strategies, Title 42, Chapter 130

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HISTORY OF THE CONDOMINIUMS QUESTION

- The question on condominiums has been asked since 1980.
- A similar question also was asked on the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire.

WHY WE ASK IT THIS WAY

This question is asked to measure housing affordability and excessive shelter costs.

WHAT IS THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a nationwide survey that collects socioeconomic and housing information and is the planned replacement for the long form in the 2010 Census.

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to conduct the ACS in every county, American Indian and Alaska Native Area, Hawaiian Home Land, and in Puerto Rico, once it is fully implemented, pending Congressional funding. The ACS has been tested across the country since 1996.

HOW CAN I SEE THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY ?

The information collected from these tests is published on the Census Bureau's Web site at:

<www.census.gov/acs/www>

and American FactFinder at:

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